

WORDS EASY TO BE UNDERSTOOD

1 Cor 14:7-17

Make message plain...profitable

Illustrations to prove that ministry must be profitable

1. Musical Instruments: 1 Cor 14:7 *Things without life giving sound*: Things without life. *Pipe*: reed or wind instrument *Harp*: Stringed instruments
Distinction: Notes have to be clearly played so people able to recognize melody.

Different Instruments: Gower

- Halil: Pipe bored out of wood or bone. Light sound
- Hazora: Metal trumpet--sharp sound
- Kinnor: Stringed- accompany prophecies
- Menanaim: Percussion--metal plates.
- Meziltaim: Cymbals--mark beginnings, pauses, and endings of chapters
- Nebel: Stringed instrument with ten strings
- Queren: Wind instrument--worship
- Tof: Percussion instrument

Hebrew people sang many Psalms

Antiphonal singing. Music vital to New Testament church.

Must communicate a message.

How shall it be known ... No one recognize tune

2. Battle Cry 1 Cor 14:8 When time for battle the trumpeter must play right sound *Uncertain sound*: Indistinct, hidden, meaningless.

3. Conversation 1 Cor 14:9 If people don't understand a word you are saying how will it be of any use? When open mouth make sure it edifies, exhorts, comforts, *For ye shall speak into the air*. Only one hear you is God (verse 2).

Rule of practice in preaching: Profit the listeners.

1 Cor 14:10 *Voices*: languages , tones, sounds

Signification: All have power of expression and meaning to someone.

A spoken language without being understood and without meaning is pointless.

Mac: *It is meaning that makes language language.*

Effective communication is two-sided

1 Cor 14:11 If can't understand what saying I will be like an alien to him. He will be like an alien to me.

Barbarian: speaks an unintelligible language,
Corinthian culture--barbarian looked at as being ignorant

1 Cor 14:12 *Even so ye*: Let's get practical.

Zealous: Eager, motivated, full of desire

Spiritual gifts: motivated to action in spirit by Holy Spirit

Seek that ye may excel... Concentrate on; focus on; go after in intense manner

To the edifying of the church. Spiritual building up of peoples' lives.

1 Cor 14:13 *Let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue ...*If you are going to speak in unknown language

Pray that he may interpret: Before speak ...better be sure God given you translation or interpretation so edify church.

Ministry Principle: Edify body or be silent

1 Cor 14:14 Prayer, singing, and blessing.

Understanding: mind, intellect

Unfruitful: unproductive, it helps nobody

1 Cor 14:15 Use your mind when you pray and sing

1 Cor 14:16 *Bless:* Say good things about God

Occupieth the room: To be present; be in place of; be in services.

Say amen. Expression of affirmation.

How can unlearned express his agreement if your word doesn't make sense. **1 Cor 14:17** *For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.*

Keep praising and blessing the Lord. However, person hearing you is not edified (built up) in the faith. He can't understand what saying.

When praying, singing, or praising the Lord--must use:

1. Your spirit

2. Your mind.

Never pray privately or publicly without understanding.

Never sing privately or publicly without understanding

Never Bless the Lord privately or publicly without understanding

Ministry principle: Control

So What?

Rule of practice in preaching: Make it plain!!! Make sure it profits the listeners.

Don't be guilty of simply speaking into the air

Real and effective communication is two-sided: effective and intelligible speaking and apprehension.

Principle of ministry: Whatever you do in the body of Christ, make sure people understand and are built up by it. Edify the body or be silent

Ministry principle: Control